



**SPORT FISHING & BOATING  
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Secretary Jewell:

I am writing to express the appreciation of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council for the efforts of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the "Ding" Darling Society, its official friends group, with hosting our successful February meeting. We chose to have our meeting at the refuge because of its excellent reputation for balancing resource protection with public access and recreational opportunities. Our meeting at the refuge was both informative and inspirational. The staff is commended for their commitment to high standards of conservation and public service.

Once again, the Council appreciates the hospitality of the staff at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Scott Kovarovics  
Council Chair

cc: Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Cynthia Martinez, Acting Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System  
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